

C. Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows.

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising a pair of substrates provided, respectively, with electrodes and a liquid crystal composition containing at least a polymeric compound and a liquid crystal compound arranged between the substrates in a state of phase separation,

wherein the polymeric compound has at least two monomer unit structures, each of the monomer unit structures being expressed by general formula (2):



where  $A'$  is a polyacryl or polymethacryl monomer unit;  
 $B$  is a single bond or an alkyl group;  
 $D$  is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$  or  $-OCO-$ ;

$E$  is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or aliphatic ring, wherein each  $E$  may be the same or different when  $e$  is at least 2;

$G$  is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-OCO-$ ,  $-CH=CH-$  or  $-C\equiv C-$ , wherein each  $G$  may be the same or different when  $e$  is at least 2;

$J$  is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or aliphatic ring, wherein each  $J$  may be the same or different when  $j$  is at least 2;

$K$  is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$  or  $-OCO-$ ;

L is an alkyl group or a polyoxyalkylene group having a substituted OH or COOH at an end or a side chain;

e and j are, independently, an integer from 0 to 5, such that e+j ≥ 2, and  
wherein the liquid crystal compound changes its direction of orientation  
when a voltage is applied between the electrodes and substantially maintains the direction  
of orientation after suspending the voltage application.

17. (New) A liquid crystal device according to claim 16, wherein the  
liquid crystal compound is a low molecular weight nematic liquid crystal.